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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : James M. Thommes
Application No.: 10/774128
Group Art Unit: 2838
Filed: February 5, 2004
For: Method And Apparatus For Receiving A Universal Input Voltage
In A Welding Power Source
Examiner: Shaw, C.

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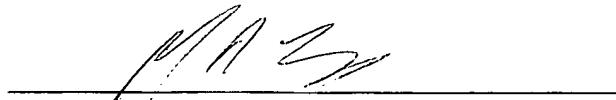
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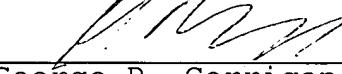
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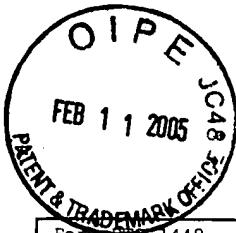
Also, Applicant is hereby notifying the Office that at least some of the subject matter being claimed is the subject of an existing litigation (Case No. 1:03-CV-00966, ED Wis), wherein the assignee Illinois Tool Works Inc. has sued Thermal Dynamics Corporation. Applicant is including copies of papers from that litigation, including:

Thermal Dynamics' Supplemental Answers To Illinois Tool Works Inc. And Miller Elec. Mfg. Co.'s Interrogatories Nos. 3-6, 8 And 13-14

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Respectfully Submitted


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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INIT.	REF	PATENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE
		4,493,040	1/8/85	Vanderhelst			
		4,521,672	6/4/85	Fronius			
		5,345,375	9/6/94	Mohan			
		5,444,356	8/22/95	Reynolds et al.			
		5,563,777	10/8/96	Miki et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
		JP05111766	07/05/93	Japan				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pages, Etc.)

		Design Issues For a Zero-Voltage-Switched Power Factor Correction Circuit and DC/DC Converter Power By: Y.V. Panov et al. 1993 VPEC Proceedings of the Virginia Power Electronics Seminar, Blacksburg, VA Sept. 19-21, 1993 PP 213-224
		High Power Factor Switching Preregulator Design Optimization Lloyd Dixon Unitrode Corporation

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